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SOME FACTS AND FIGURES.

Now that the excitement over the
city election is cooling down, and it is
possible perhaps for people to use their
reason, without that extreme bias that
strong partisanship gives to many
minds, we would like to present a fact
or two for general consideration.There were three tickets in the field.
According to the published returns,
one of them polled 8,456 votes, the next
on the list 7,757, and the third and
least 4,985. What does this prove? That
the ticket supported by the largest
number of votes represents the majority
of the citizens? Not at all. Add to-
gether the Democratic and Republican
votes, and the sum will be 12,742. De-
duct from that the total of the "Ameri-
can" vote, and you have a balance of
4,328 in excess of that vote. Thus it
will be seen that the large majority of
the voting citizens of Salt Lake had no
affiliation with the faction that obtained
a plurality in the contest, so far as the
political situation is concerned.We mention these figures for the benefit
of people who do not take pains to
investigate matters, but run away fre-
quently on incorrect notions and are led
by assertions which have no foundation
in truth. In addition to the large num-
ber of voting citizens who did not fol-
low the crowd that gained a plurality
of only 659 over the Democratic vote,
quite a number of people stayed away
from the polls and did not
cast a ballot for either party in
the contest. Thus it will
be seen that the control of the city is
not in the hands of the majority of the
people, but of a minority, which slipped
into power through the gap between the
other two parties to the contest.We do not refer to this to belittle in
any way the authority vested in the
victorious organization. So far as we
can see, it obtained a legitimate victory
over its opponents. Whether that be
so or not, the management of munici-
pal affairs is in its hands, and the
people will have an opportunity, during
the next two years at least, of testing
its ability and its disposition in refer-
ence to public affairs.The officers elect, when they assume
the positions to which they have been
chosen, will be on trial, and if they are
wise and prudent they will be able to
demonstrate that they are suited to
their respective vocations and worthy
of the public confidence. They will be
watched very closely with critical eyes.
It is to be hoped that they will act in
the public interest and not simply for
personal aggrandizement or ambition,
or for the sole benefit of the party with
which they have allied themselves.We do not believe that all the officers
elect are imbued with the spirit of dis-
crimination against a portion of the
people, that was exhibited by its pro-
motors and claimed for it in speeches
and publications. The welfare of the
community means justice to all, not
friendship to a faction merely. All
citizens who pay taxes, no matter to
what amount, are financially as well as
otherwise interested in the affairs of
the municipality and entitled to fair
consideration. This needs to be es-
pecially understood and acted upon,
when the figures which we have pre-
sented of the relative numerical
strengths of the parties are kept in
view.We need unity of effort, a common
understanding of the needs of the city
and a determination among all parties
to forward everything that is conducive
to the general welfare, to progress in
wealth, in public enterprises and in the
prosperity of every part and section of
the community. If this is kept con-
stantly in view and acted upon, Salt
Lake will grow and flourish, and all
the great things that have been pre-
dicted for it will be fully realized. Let
us all do our part to make them glori-
ous realities!

DANGERS OF PLUTOCRACY.

The London Times correctly asserts
that "at the root of all the American
alarms and perplexities lies the im-
mense and irresponsible power wielded
by capital." It is another way of
stating the familiar proposition that
"love of money is a root of all evil."
This is true in the experience of indi-
viduals, it is also true of the communi-
ties of which the individuals are but
units. "Eternal vigilance is the price
of liberty," and just now patriotism
must stand guard against the en-
croachments of a power that is much
more heartless, more grasping, more
relentless than any autocracy. Auto-
crats have human feelings. Even Ivan
the Terrible felt at times the throbs of
a human heart, but plutocracy is cold
as a machine of steel. It is unaffected
by the death groans of the victims that
may fall between its grinding wheels.
It constitutes the great menace of the
age to free institutions.

The money power is dangerous, first

to those who are in pursuit of it.
When the heart is set upon obtaining
wealth the probability is that it be-
comes insensible to the higher and no-
blier activities of life. Very few per-
sons, if any, can devote all their time
and talents to earthly concerns and at
the same time take an interest in that
which prepares them for celestial ex-
altation. Most persons must devote
themselves to one pursuit at the ex-
pense of the other. And this is true of
all intellectual activities. Few men, or
women, can attain prominence as phil-
ologists, astronomers, etc., and at the
same time become financial magnates.
One pursuit nearly always excludes the
other, and in order to excel, each must
devote himself to that which comes
most natural to him. The pursuit of
wealth is therefore dangerous. How
often do we not find persons thus en-
gaged, having no time for devotional
exercises, no time for religious studies
and meditations! They hope, per-
haps, to get time to satisfy the crav-
ings of the immortal spirit, at some
future period. But, alas! the years roll
by, and finally it becomes too late to
undo the results of long neglect. The
"evil days" have suddenly come.Then, in the mad pursuit of the power
of wealth the conscience is too often
made insensible to methods, as long as
the method of the law does not bring
degrading punishment. Dishonesty has
become so universal, that an honest
man—"God's noblest handiwork"—is
almost a curiosity. Most of the Croes-
uses of today would find it embarrass-
ing to answer the question: "Where
did he get it?" Some of the foremost
financiers used to be held up as shini-
ng examples of what honesty, indus-
try, and intelligent work will do for
men under free institutions. Now their
"success" is almost turned to reproach,
for methods have been laid bare that
illustrate, if anything, the soul-destr-
oying dangers to which hunters of wealth
are subjected, when every other object
in life becomes secondary.In the next place, the power of
wealth, when finally obtained, is as
dangerous as a deadly weapon in the
hands of an inexperienced child. Few
people know how to handle it without
peril to both themselves and others.
Solomon was endowed with wisdom be-
yond all men, but this did not prevent
him from bringing disaster to the state,
through the follies his wealth enabled
him to commit. And so it will ever be.
In this country a few men aim at the
control of the government, through the
power of money. In every state there
will be found some who aim at the con-
trol of the state government, through
the power of wealth. This is at the
root of all the trouble in this coun-
try. The world stands appalled at the
revelations of Russian autocracy
against which the people now have
turned, but the autocracy of the Czar
is really child's play to the autocracy
of the money power that has spread it-
self in this country to every ramifica-
tion of society. And it is still spread-
ing, silently, secretly. Let the people
be on guard, lest some day they will
find themselves tied with the bonds of
servitude, to be severed only the sword.

NOW FOR FACTORIES.

We hope the contemplated plan for
the organization of an association with
the object of making this city a manu-
facturing center, will mature. Mr. O.
H. Hewlett who has interested himself
in this matter, desires discussion and
suggestions on the methods to pursue,
and invites interested citizens to a
meeting for the perfection of the or-
ganization. As far as this plan has the
interests of the people of Utah in view,
it deserves to meet with success. It is
an object for the accomplishment of
which all good citizens, regardless of
 creed, can co-operate in perfect unity
and harmony.One of the great needs of this inter-
mountain region is manufactures. Ag-
riculture, mining, trade, professions,
etc., do not furnish sufficient employ-
ment for the young, who year after
year are looking out for some place
where to become useful members of the
community. We have some factories,
but more are needed, and the move
spoken of is one in the right direction.Salt Lake is destined to grow, not-
withstanding the unwise efforts of
some individuals with stranded ambi-
tions. The natural resources are here,
and these will of necessity be utilized.
The railroad will aid in this great
work of development, and the future
of the city looks encouraging.

REPETITION OF HISTORY.

The inference from the atrocities
committed in Russia by the lawless el-
ement of the friends of liberty, would
seem to be, that the people in that
country are not prepared for self-rule,
and that the only salvation is a return
to the autocratic power that can mete
out to assassins a full measure of blood
and fire. The prevailing lawlessness
would appear to be a perfect justifica-
tion of the previous rule of tyranny.
But this conclusion would not be just-
ified by the facts.What happens in Russia today is
analogous to what happened in France
after the fall of the Napoleonic empire
thirty-five years ago. No sooner had
the guns of the German invaders been
silenced by a humiliating treaty of
peace, than Communists, inflamed by
francised agitators seized the govern-
ment and evidently intended to bring
chaos and ruin to the state. But their
time was brief. Law and order were
soon established. Something similar
has happened in Russia. Assassins
have come to the front, in the general
turnout, but the conservative element
is, no doubt, stronger than the mur-
derous anarchists, and after a little, it
will assert itself. It is a pity the Czar
waited so long with his reforms. If he
had yielded to the respectful petitions
of the Zemstovists, while he still had
undisputed power to carry out the reform
plans, the country would have been
saved the fearful experiences of bap-
tism in blood, through which it is now
passing.In order to understand the present
situation in Russia it must be remem-
bered that the revolution is not new.
It is of long standing. As far back
as 1870 all was in readiness for a revoltagainst the government, but the lead-
ers changed their minds and com-
menced a campaign of education
among the masses of the people. Thou-
sands of young Russians scattered all
over the country as teachers of the
new ideas. In 1879 a party called the
party of "The Will of the People" was
formed. This advocated terroristic tac-
tics, which culminated in the assassina-
tion of Alexander II in 1881. Thereupon
there followed a period of transition
during which the reformers split up into
two factions, one, the Socialist Revolu-
tionary party, demanding political free-
dom as the prerequisite of social re-
form, while the other, the Socialist
Democratic party, remained true to
the fundamental principle that political
reform was immaterial for the social
revolution. The latter have confined
themselves chiefly to the organization
of strikes, and similar measures.The extent to which the revolution-
ists have succeeded in inflaming the
country, notwithstanding the vigilance
and cruelty of autocracy, is nothing
short of marvelous, and proves the
futility of resisting the will of the peo-
ple even under the most tyrannical
government. Success may attend such
efforts for a time, but finally the peo-
ple will get the better of its oppres-
sors. History repeats itself.In San Francisco fusion was worse
confounded.The hand that rocks the cradle is
the one that rules elections."The Kaiser is not a man of war,"
says the German ambassador. Neither
is he a battler."Oh, whistle, and I'll come to ye, my
lad," doesn't seem to work in the case
of the curfew whistle.Regarding the vote for Hearst the
New York politicians are all asking,
"Where did he get it?""Alexander was wont to say, 'Were I
not Alexander, I would be McCurdy or
McCall.'"—Plutarch-up-to-date.In Vienna they are enjoying the novel
experience of a "passive resistance
strike." How fortunate are the look-
ers-on in Vienna.Mr. Wallace has returned from Bos-
ton and tells of telephone improve-
ments to be. "Ring the Bell softly,
there's grace on the door."Prince Louis of Battenberg has been
elected a member of the Printers'
union of Baltimore. This makes him a
prince of good fellows.Mr. Hearst refuses to be content
with a place in the "Alas ran" class.
He proposes to have the first place if
he can possibly get it.Russia's condition today is a splendid
illustration of the saying that any fool
can start a conflagration, but it is hard
to tell who can stop it.An old man followed a young woman
across the continent to marry her and
because she finally rejected him he
committed suicide. And this proves
once more that there is no fool like an
old fool."It seems to be a case of 'off ag'in, on
ag'in, gone ag'in, Flannigan," with Sen-
ator Dubois," says the Oregonian. And
that sizes up the situation about right.
The Senator's lightning changes are
quite inimitable.State Treasurer-elect Berry of Penn-
sylvania says, "I intend to let the peo-
ple know just how I find things." If
half the reports be true as will find
such a condition of affairs that strong
smelling salts will be required."Schmitz will be beaten by 15,000 be-
cause there is an uprising of decent
citizens against him and his rule of
graff," said the San Francisco Chroni-
cle. That was a forecast that should
have discredited a weather bureau.President John R. Hegeman of the
Metropolitan Life Insurance company
says that sixteen officers of his com-
pany receive \$308,105 in salaries, but
they now receive no other compensa-
tion. This shows how modest great
men can be when so minded.The result of the election in this city
on Tuesday last is a complete refuta-
tion of the charge against the Church
leaders, that they dominate the politics
of the Church members. This state-
ment has been sent out broadcast, to-
gether with others calculated to inflame
public opinion against inoffending, loyal
American citizens, although not a shadow
of proof has been adduced to sub-
stantiate the assertion. The election
completely upsets the false testimony
on that point, and before the bar of
American public opinion, we believe
the inimical nature of the accusation
will now be thoroughly understood.

FREEDOM FOR FINLAND.

Nicholas Express.
Czar Nicholas evidently has seen the
folly of further oppressive measures
and seeks to ally the nation by a re-
turn of the constitutional rights that
he so unwisely usurped. He has found
that it is useless further to temporize
with the situation and will grant a
constitution in the interest of peace to
this faction-torn and anarchy-ridden
nation. There is reason to believe that
his proposed reforms are sincere and
that a new era has dawned for Finland.

ATHEISM AND TOMBSTONES.

London Standard.
A curious and, for many districts of
Germany, characteristic struggle has
arisen between a certain family living
in Gera and the authorities of that
town. It began fifteen years ago, when
a member of the family died, and it
was decided to engrave on his tomb-
stone the words: "We shall never see
you again, yet will always remember
you." This was construed by the police
and the ecclesiastical authorities as an
open denial of the doctrine of the im-
mortality of the soul and resurrection
of the body, and they gave orders to
have the words "never" and "yet" re-
plastered over with cement. For fifteen
years the family attempted to have
the cement removed, and, failing,
took the law into their own hands,
again exposing the offending words.
Again the town council has plastered
over the words, and as this operationhas cost one mark seventy-five pen-
nings (about thirty-five cents) they sent
in their bill for the amount. As the
family declined to pay they were sued,
and thus the matter rests for the pres-
ent.

THEN WHY "FORECAST"?

Boston Transcript.
If the man who sues the United
States for damages resulting from a
false weather forecast recovers any-
thing there will be multitudes to bring
similar suits. "Fair and warm" the
forecast said—how often we have read
it to be disappointed—but the day went
contrary to the prophecy and was cold
and raw. The plaintiff in this unique
suit was not prepared for such weather
and took cold, etc. No doubt he has
a grievance, as have so many of us
who have found some of our best-laid
plans upset by just such a false
prophecy. But somehow we have al-
ways believed, and probably the judge
before whom this case is tried will up-
hold us in the belief, that we should
have to "go higher up" than the
weather bureau, or than the United
States government, to fix the respon-
sibility for our discontent.

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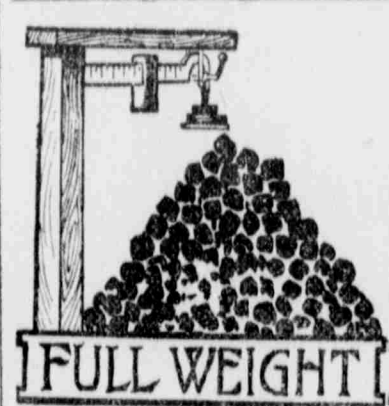
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